

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

of Pennington County

VICTIM JUSTICE:



A NEW BALANCE

May 7, 1999

Doug Weber, Warden
South Dakota State Penitentiary
PO Box 5911
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5911

Re: EDWIN SWALLOW, INMATE

Dear Mr. Weber:

Enclosed please find a letter that I received from Wendy, daughter and sister of the homicide victims in the criminal case involving Mr. Swallow. I thought it best to forward this directly to you. Wendy is requesting a response, and if Mr. Swallow does respond, he could send a letter through my office. She does not want him to know her complete name or her address.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments about this. My telephone number is (605) 394-5846. Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Sharon Kallemeyn

Sharon Kallemeyn
Pennington County Victims Assistant

Swallow's response (4-14-99)

He did not choose to respond at this time. He said perhaps in a year or 2. He felt bad that it happened and said Wendy seemed like a nice girl. He just could not write her at this time. Bonnie Larsen



Dear Mr. Swallow + Mr. Wadell -

First I'll tell you who I am. My name is Wendy. I am the youngest in my family. Connie Wilson was my dad and Cindy was my only sister.

I remember April 8th 1982 like it was yesterday. Since that day or should I say that night my life hasn't been the same. Although for a very long time I couldn't remember anything before that night. And to be honest I don't ~~remember~~ remember too much. Except for things people tell me.

But I do remember all of the feelings I felt and how much I loved my Dad and my sister.

I want you to know how much I've hurt and ~~that~~ ~~that~~ maybe try to understand that because of your's and two other people's actions I've payed each + everyday. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't miss them or wonder what if - But I've realized that what if will never be.

Because of your actions ~~I~~^I had to grow up real quick. 16 years is a long time but the hurt is still as strong as it was then. I'm not as angry as I used to be. I realized the anger only hurt me - I had to let go & let god. I've tried to kill myself more than once. And I guess I thought I'd go to heaven and see them - I'm thankful I never succeeded -

My Dad wasn't a bad man he just made some real stupid choices. And my sister well at 17 yrs old she was sweet very pretty and a very caring person. She was everything I wish I was - I'm thank-ful to of had her in my life but I ~~guess~~ guess I feel ~~robbed~~ robbed.

I don't feel you had the right to take her she didn't do anything except love my dad enough to live with him. But I guess you did do one thing. She asked me about 2mths before she ~~died~~^{died} how I would feel if Dad died. I told her I'll be hurt.

She told me she wanted to die with him. I guess I never realized it would come true. Or how soon it would. I've heard said people know when their going to die.

I don't know if you'll respect me enough to answer my questions or if I'll even be able to except your answer's but I want and hope you understand why I've done this. And if you don't do this please know that there's a young lady who misses her dad so much and her sister to, and your the only one's who can help her close the book that you opened. Also I can't set them free (their souls) with out some kind of explanation.

I'd like to know why?

And

Are you even sorry?

Did you even look back and Did you realize that the girl was only 17 yrs — And the man was only 42. Also did you realize that you made the choice to be my dad judge jury convict & executioner. And over the years have you even thought of the victims? →

16 May 1999

WENDY,

Pitangui, (Thank You)
for your communication.

You ARE A Strong
HEARTED Woman. Your Wisdom,
Courage, Fortitude AND
Generosity is the essence
of your communication.

I wish there was a
way that we could talk
Face to Face. Because I
do respect you enough to
ANSWER your questions AND
I understand if you are
unable to except my answers.

I do understand AND
know that there is a person
NAMED WENDY who misses her
Father AND sister very much
AND if I can help you close
the Book that I am responsible
for opening. I Hope you can
set their souls free.

WHY?

DRUGS. I am not blaming it
on them. I am responsible

FOR MY ACTIONS. I CHOSE
TO BE INVOLVED IN A DRUG
AND ALCOHOL LIFESTYLE.

AM I EVEN SORRY?

YES, I AM SORRY FOR
THE NIGHT OF 8 APRIL 1982
AND I HAVE AND DO FEEL
REMORSE FOR MY ACTIONS THAT
CAUSED A 42 YEAR OLD MAN
AND A 17 YEAR OLD YOUNG
LADY'S PHYSICAL LIVES TO END.

OVER THE YEARS - I HAVE
THOUGHT AND PRAYED FOR
CONNIE WILSON AND CINDY WILSON

WENDY, I EXPRESS TO YOU MY
APOLOGY. I AM SORRY FOR YOUR
HURT I CAUSED.

IN MY PEOPLES WAYS.
THERE IS A CEREMONY CALLED
"WIPING AWAY THE TEARS CEREMONY"
THIS CEREMONY CAN CREATE A MEANS
OF LETTING GO AND HEALING FOR YOU
MY FEELINGS IN THE
MEDIUM OF THIS PRINTED
COMMUNICATION IS SENT TO
YOU WENDY IN RESPECT

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Edwin Swallow

Doug → Steve Lee → Bonnie Larson

His response to her -

"Didn't choose to respond at this time.
He said perhaps in a year or two
He felt bad that it happened. Wendy
seemed like a nice girl. He
just couldn't respond at this time."

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REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION

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DATE: 2-19-1999.

Doug Weber, Warden
South Dakota Penitentiary
P.O. Box 5911
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5911

Re: Edwin Charles Swallow

Dear Warden:

This is to serve as notification to the South Dakota Penitentiary that I wish to be notified in the event that Edwin Charles Swallow has any changes in his status as a prisoner, i.e.: is granted a furlough; is released; is moved to a new facility; is granted community work release; escapes or dies. Please send such notification to the address I have listed below.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Beoh.



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DATE: 2/19/1999

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Re: Walter Waddell #21079

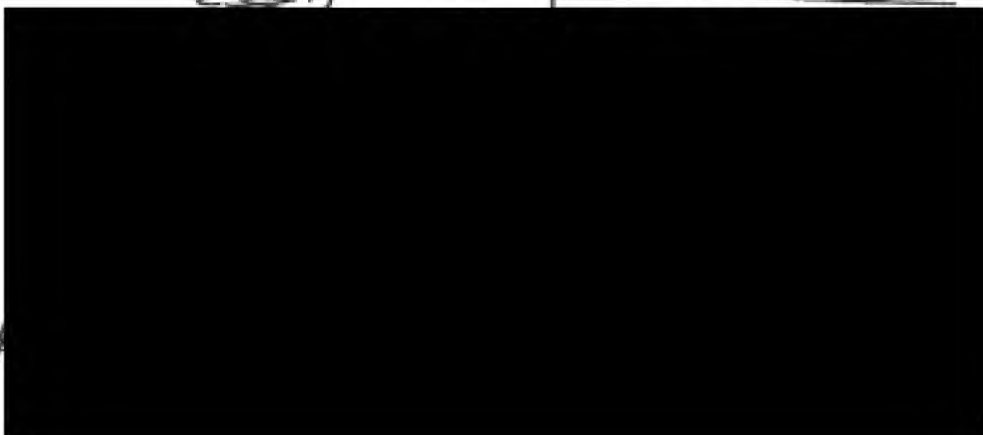
Dear Warden:

This is to serve as notification to the South Dakota Penitentiary that I wish to be notified in the event that Walter Waddell #21079 has any changes in his status as a prisoner, i.e.: is granted a furlough; is released; is moved to a new facility; is granted community work release; escapes or dies. Please send such notification to the address I have listed below.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Reoh.



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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RECORDS OFFICE

P.O. Box 5911
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57117-5911
(605) 367-5140 Fax: (605) 367-5584

October 30, 2000

Wendy Reoh



RE: WEDDELL, WALTER J; 21079

Dear Wendy Reoh:

This is to notify you that the above named individual is eligible for parole consideration at the November meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles to be held November 17, 2000.

To inquire about the Board's decision, if you have any questions or concerns, or for more information, contact the Parole Office in Sioux Falls (605)367-5041.

Sincerely,



Jill Charnell
Administrative Assistant

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November 28, 2000

Wendy Reoh


RE: WEDDELL, WALTER J; 21079.

Dear Wendy Reoh:

This is to notify you that the above named individual is eligible for parole consideration at the December meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles to be held December 15, 2000.

To inquire about the Board's decision, if you have any questions or concerns, or for more information, contact the Parole Office in Sioux Falls (605)367-5041.

Sincerely,

Jill Charnell

Administrative Assistant

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August 28, 2001

Wendy Reoh


RE: WEDDELL, WALTER J; 21079

Dear Wendy Reoh:

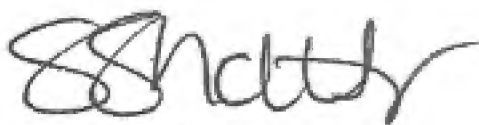
This is to notify you that the above named individual is eligible for parole consideration at the September meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles to be held September 27 and September 28, 2001.

This letter is to advise you that according to South Dakota State Statute 24-15-3, you may attend the Parole Hearing and present you concerns to the Board. You may appear at the same time the inmate appears or you can schedule a time to appear without the inmate present. If you would rather send a letter for the Board to review, you may send it to the address listed below. If you do appear before the Board, a letter for the file to establish a permanent record of your concerns and input would be greatly appreciated. You may bring it to the Parole Board Meeting or send to:

Board of Pardons and Paroles
P.O. Box 5911
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5911

If you wish to attend the meeting or have any questions, please contact the Parole Office in Sioux Falls (605)367-5041. To be advised of the Parole Board's decision, contact the Parole Office on the following Monday after the Parole Hearings.

Sincerely,



Sheila Shatter

Victim Services Coordinator

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February 4, 2003

Wendy Reoh



RE: WEDDELL, WALTER J; 21079

Dear Wendy Reoh:

This is to notify you that the above named individual is eligible for parole consideration at the February meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles to be held the week of February 18, 2003.

This letter is to advise you that according to South Dakota state Statute 24-15-3, you may attend the Parole Hearing and present your concerns to the Board. You may appear at the same time the inmate appears or you can schedule a time to appear without the inmate present. If you would rather send a letter for the Board to review, you may send it to the address listed below. If you do appear before the Board, a letter for the file to establish a permanent record of your concerns and input would be greatly appreciated. You may bring it to the Parole Board Meeting or send to:

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